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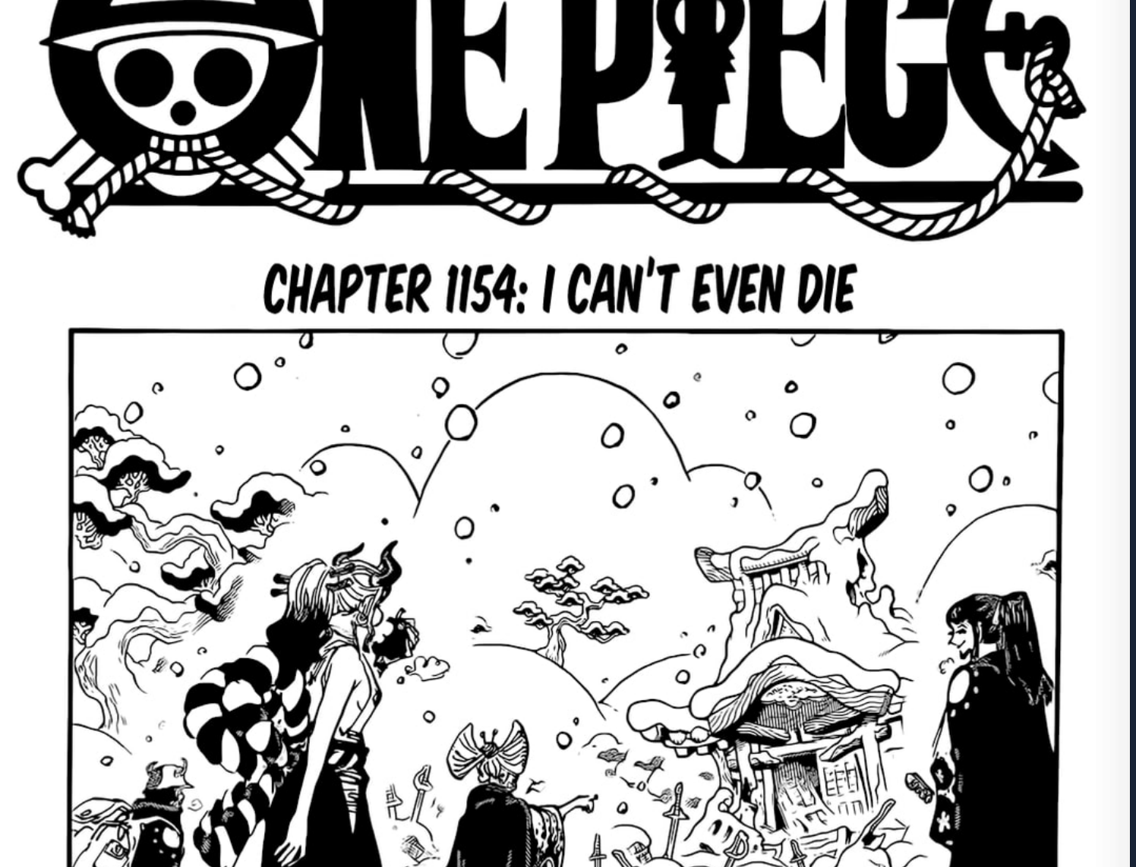

ONI CHILD YAMATO AND THE HOLY WARI SHRINE PILGRIMAGE VOL. 38: "AT THE GRAVE OF A HERO BORN IN WEST BLUE AND BROUGHT UP IN RINGO!"

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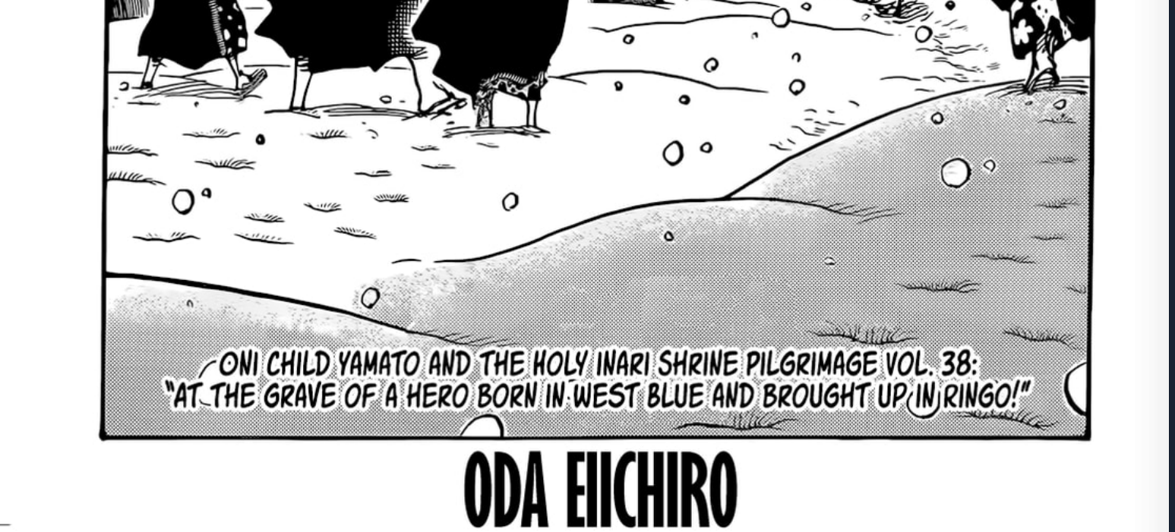
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63 YEARS AGO...
LORD JORUL!!
JORUL, THE OLDEST MAN IN PRESENT DAY, LOST HIS PARTNER.
CASCADE BEARD JORUL WAS STRUCK DOWN DEAD...
...BY THE HANDS OF A CERTAIN YOUNG GIRL...
HER NAME WAS CHARLOTTE LINLIN...
A MERE HUMAN. YET SHE LEFT A LARGE PART OF A GIANT VILLAGE IN RUINS.
SHE WOULD LATER GO ON TO BECOME AN EMPEROR, EARNING THE EPITHET 'BIG MOM.'
THAT SAME YEAR, ELBAF FACED A STRING OF TRAGEDIES.
IT WAS CALAMITY AFTER CALAMITY. SUDDEN FIRES. WINDSTORMS. AND BITTER COLD WAVES DEVASTATED THE CROPS.
THE ABNORMAL WEATHER ALSO BROUGHT FISHING TO A HALT.
THIS ONCE MAGNIFICENT LAND HAD FALLEN INTO FAMINE.
NOW DO YOU SEE?! THIS IS ALL THAT CHILD'S DOING!!
THIS LAND WAS CURSED BECAUSE YOU ALL FAILED TO KILL IT IMMEDIATELY!!
NO... SURELY IT'S JUST A COINCIDENCE...
GOOO...
CRASH!!
?!
GYAAAAH!! HE'S STARING AT ME!!
GAA!
PRINCE LOKI!!
TAKE IT AWAY!! DON'T EVER LET THAT MONSTER NEAR ME AGAIN!!
WAAA HHHH!!
PRINCE LOKI!! YOU HAVE TO KEEP AWAY FROM YOUR MOTHER'S ROOM!!
GOUGE OUT THOSE MONSTROUS EYES!! IF LEFT UNCHECKED, HIS CURSE WILL GROW TILL IT BRINGS ABOUT THIS NATION'S COLLAPSE!!
EEEAAAAA NNNHHHH!!
WEEEE NNNHH!!
WAAAAAH!! I'M HUNGRY!
SORRY, SWEETIE, THAT WAS THE LAST BIT OF BREAD WE HAD...
YOU'RE GOING REAVING?
WE COULD EASILY STEAL WHAT WE NEED FROM THE HUMANS...
AIN'T THAT HOW IT'S ALWAYS BEEN IN ELBAF'S HISTORY?!
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS!! A SENSELESS RAID ON THEM WOULD ONLY BRING SHAME TO ELBAF!
THAT'S THE LAW OF THE LAND NOW!
THOSE BASTARDS FROM HUNTER'S VILLAGE ARE ATTACKING!!
WHAT ARE THEY...?!
IT SEEMS THEY'RE HIT OTHER VILLAGES TOO!!
QUICK, ARM YOURSELVES!! DON'T LET THEM LOOT THE VILLAGE!!
INTERNAL GIANT STRUGGLES WEREN'T UNHEARD OF...
...DURING DESPERATE TIMES.
BUT THESE INCIDENTS ONLY...
...RESULTING IN MAKING THE PERIOD MORE SEVERE AND BLOODY.
THE COUNTRY WAS ENGULFED IN CHAOS AND MISERY...
HE'S CURSED...
...AND THE BITTERNESS FESTERED AS SPIRITS BROKE...
I HEARD A RUMOR ABOUT THAT PRINCELING BORN IN THE CASTLE...
HEY, WAIT!!
!!?
HEY, HAJRUDIN!!
YER BROTHER DOOMED THIS COUNTRY WITH HIS CURSE!!
AS HIS ELDER BROTHER...
YOU'LL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY AS A SACRIFICE!
HUH?!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! DON'TCHA KNOW MY SON'S A CUTIE WHO'S GONNA BE THE WORLD'S LONGEST LIVING MAN?!
CAN IT, IDA!! YOU'RE NOTHING BUT AN OUTSIDER WHO SEDUCED HARALD!!
GO TO HELL!! I LOVE THIS COUNTRY!!
DON'T YOU LAY A FINGER ON MY MOM!!
I'M GONNA FLATTEN YOU!!
KING HARALD!!
WORD REACHED ME ABOUT LOKI'S BIRTH...
...AND THE RECENT FAMINE.
I WAS BUILDING A RAPPORT WITH VARIOUS NATIONS...
WHEN THE NEWS CAME, OUR ALLIES ACTED WITHOUT HESITATION.
THEY LOADED TONNES OF FOOD AND SUPPLIES TO BE SHIPPED HERE!!
HUMANS MAY BE SMALL IN STATURE, BUT NOT WILL...!!
!!
OUR ALLIED NATIONS CAME TOGETHER TO ENSURE THAT...
...WE GOT ENOUGH TO TRULY FILL AND SATIATE OUR GIANT BELLIES.
DADDY!!
KING HARALDD!!
WE WILL GRACIOUSLY ACCEPT THEIR AID!!
HARALD!
HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DOCK ON THE ISLAND?!
GYA HA HA HA HA! IT'S AS BIG AS YOU'D EXPECT!
DIG IN AND FILL YOUR HEARTS WITH GRATITUDE!!
BROTHERS!! YOU MUST NOT FIGHT AMONGST EACH OTHER!!
THE KING?!
IF THESE GOOD FOLK ARE EVER IN A PINCH...
IT'LL BE OUR JOB TO RETURN THE FAVOR WITH ALL OUR MIGHT!!
REMEMBER, THIS TINY WORLD IS OURS TO SHARE!!
QUEEN ESTRID CONTINUED TO PUBLICLY DECLARE THAT THE PLAGUES SUFFERED BY ELBAF...
...WERE BROUGHT ON BY "THE ACCURSED PRINCE," RIGHT UP UNTIL THE EVE OF HARALD'S RETURN.
SHE DENOUNCED HER SON WITH BITTER HATRED UNTIL HER FINAL ANGUISHED BREATH.
NATURALLY, THE PEOPLE BELIEVED HER PASSING WAS PART OF THE CURSE...
LOKI!!!
MY SON!!
HE WAS BORN WITH A CONDITION THAT AFFECTS HIS EYES...
WELL, HE COULD SEE, BUT...
I UNDERSTAND, WHAT A PITY...
HE CAN'T EVEN SMILE FOR ME... I GUESS IT MAKES SENSE, HE DID JUST LOSE HIS MOTHER...
AT ONLY A FEW MONTHS OLD...
...LOKI HAD GIVEN UP ON LOVE.
YOU SURE HAVE A LOT OF SCRAPES...
NO, THOSE ARE...
HARALD'S DIPLOMACY SOON STARTED TO BEAR FRUIT,
AND ELBAF'S WINTER FINALLY CAME TO A CLOSE.
BRANCH ROUTE ONE?!
THAT'S RIGHT! IT'LL HELP BUILD INTER-VILLAGE TRADE AND COMMUNICATION!
RESTORING THE FRACTURED NATION AND VENTURING ACROSS THE SEAS CONTINUED TO BE PRIORITISED WHILE OTHER THINGS BECAME AN AFTERTHOUGHT.
FREAK!
ESTRID'S OLDER BROTHER WAS APPOINTED AS LOKI'S PERSONAL STEWARD.
THIS IS THE REALM OF THE DEAD! ISN'T IT DANGEROUS HERE?!
THE COASTLINE KEEPS THIS AREA SEPARATED, SO THE BEASTS WON'T COME NEAR.
YOU'RE SO CUUUTE WHEN YOU'RE WORRIED!! ♡
...
PINCH PINCH
DON'T YOU HAVE TRAINING WITH ELBO FROM WEST VILLAGE?
YOU SHOULD HEAD BACK.
THIS IS IDA'S TAVERN, YA HEAR! FISHERMEN, CASTAWAYS, EVEN PIRATES!
I'M READY FOR ANY AND ALL CUSTOMERS!
WITH ANY LUCK, I'LL BE OF HELP TO HARALD! ♡
56 YEARS AGO, JARUL'S HOUSE
YOU WERE AT THE SCENE OF THE REVERIE INCIDENT, HARALD?!
YEAH... MY FRIEND WAS ONE OF THE INVITED KINGS. HE SMUGGLED ME IN AS ONE OF HIS GUARDS.
I COULDN'T ASK THE QUESTIONS I WANTED TO WITHOUT BLOWING MY COVER.
IF THAT MURDER HADN'T HAPPENED... I MIGHT'VE BEEN EXPOSED.
IF YOU WERE CAUGHT, ALL THIS WOULD BE THE LEAST OF YOUR WORRIES!
HAVEN'T YOU HEARD THE TALE OF THE GALÉ-RA WARHAMMER COMPANY*?
THEY'RE THAT GRUFF TROUPE OF GIANT SHIPWRIGHTS THAT ARM THEMSELVES WITH WARHAMMERS, RIGHT?
I THOUGHT THEY WERE JUST A MYTH?
*T/N: KANJI IS: GREAT HAMMER BATTALION. FURIGANA MIGHT BE A SPIN ON GALLEY-LA.
NO, THEY EXISTED.
THEY REALLY DID TRAVEL FAR AND WIDE, SENDING LETTERS BACK TO ELBAF...
!?
I RECEIVED THE FINAL LETTER MYSELF; IT SAID THEY'D ALL BEEN CAPTURED.
CAN YOU BELIEVE IT? OVER A HUNDRED WARRIORS WERE TAKEN PRISONER, INCLUDING ANCIENT GIANTS.
YOU THINK THE WORLD GOVERNMENT WAS RESPONSIBLE?
THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THEY ONCE FACED A GREAT ENEMY...
HOWEVER, THEY SANK DEEP INTO THE OCEAN AT A CERTAIN POINT IN HISTORY.
TO BE BLUNT...
THERE'S PROBABLY A DEEPER REASON WHY YOUR IDEALS HAVEN'T WORKED OUT.
AND IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU...!!
LINGERING ANIMOSITY, HUH...?
THESE ARE JUST RUMORS, BUT I ALSO HEARD A STORY ABOUT A FROZEN ARMY OF GIANTS SOMEWHERE...
IT SEEMS OUR PEOPLE ARE REGARDED AS ENEMIES OF THE LARGER WORLD.
CLEARLY, BUT I'VE ALREADY RESOLVED TO FACE ANY HURDLE...!!
PRINCE LOKI!! I KNOW YOU CURSED AND KILLED MY LITTLE SISTER!! ♡
PRINCE LOKI!! ♡
48 YEARS BEFORE PRESENT DAY...
THE VILLAGES DREW CLOSER IN TERMS OF TRADE AND IDENTITY AND THE NATION STOOD TOGETHER.
MY DREAM IS TO JOIN HANDS WITH MANY OTHER COUNTRIES AROUND THE PLANET!!
FOR THE GIANT RACE TO BE WELCOME ALL OVER THIS GRAND WORLD!!
KING HARALD'S SO COOL!! ♡
HE'S CHANGED SO MUCH, HE'S GONNA BE A KING WHO WILL GO DOWN IN HISTORY!
WELL, WELL, YOU LOOK THRILLED, HAJRUDIN!!
IS IT 'CAUSE YOU'RE ILLEGITIMATE? PRINCE LOKI IS THE TRUE HEIR, RIGHT?
YOU'RE JUST AN ILLEGITIMATE THROW-AWAY!!
NOW LET'S SEE WHAT KIND OF GARBAGE WE'LL BE SERVING UP TODAY...
WAAAH!! THE HORSE OF FORTUNE DIED!!
THE STEWARD'S BOY! WAS IN THE REALM OF THE DEAD!!
THIS IS A DISASTER!! KING HARALD'S...
...ALREADY LEFT ON HIS VOYAGE!!
THEY'RE COMING!
CLOSE THE DOORS AND GET THE CHILDREN INSIDE!
BEAT 'EM ALL UP, GUYS!
THIS IS ELBAF, THE WORLD'S STRONGEST COUNTRY!!
WE DON'T NEED WEAKLINGS HERE!
LOKI, DRIVEN BY SCORN, UNLEASHED CHAOS ONTO ELBAF.
HE LAUGHED AT THE FEEBLE AS THEY RAN.
HEY, LOKI!!
DAD WENT THROUGH HELL TO REBUILD THIS VILLAGE!
HUH?! YOU THINK YOU GET TO CALL MY FATHER DAD?!
!!
I DON'T GET WHY EVERYONE RESPECTS HIM,
HE'S DUMB FOR TRYING TO PLAY NICE WITH THOSE HUMAN INSECTS.
THAT'S CRAP!
WE SHOULD ALL TRY TO SEE FROM EACH OTHER'S PERSPECTIVES!!
DON'T GET COCKY JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE BIG!!
BEING COCKY IS MY RIGHT! I'M THE PRINCE!
DON'T YOU DARE TALK BACK TO ME, RUNT!!
ARGH!!
HAJRUDIN!!
STAY BACK, GERD, HE'LL THINK YOU'RE HIS FRIEND!!
LOKI WILL HIT YOU NEXT.
WE ARE HIS FRIENDS, YOU DUMMY!!
HAJRUDIN!!
HAJRUDIN!!
HAJRUDIN, ARE YOU OKAY?
HE NEEDS FIRST AID!!
...!!
HA HA HA!!
YOU'RE SO PATHETIC, I COULD PUKE, HAJRUDIN!
YOU'RE JUST A GROUP OF WEAKLINGS HUDDLING TOGETHER!
IT'S 'CAUSE OF YOUR MOM'S FILTHY BLOOD!
YOUNG MASTER, THAT'S GOING TOO FAR!! HE'S STILL THE SON OF THE KING!!
HE'S ALSO A PRIN--
DON'T CALL HIM A PRINCE!!
LOKI SPREAD PAIN...
...AND DESTRUCTION...
BUT NOTHING HE DID FILLED THE HOLE IN HIS OWN HEART...
I CAN'T EVEN DIE...
...!!
SNGH... HIC...
SMASH!!
WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH THIS ISLAND?
WHERE'S THE WELCOME COMMITTEE?
SHUNK!
RAAAW WRRR!!
GRRR RRR!!
OH HOH! WE'VE FOUND ONE! LOOK! IT'S A GIANT WELP!!
THIS IS DEFINITELY ELBAF!
JIHA HA HA!! THIS BRAT'S GOT ONE HELL OF A DEVIL FACE!!
I KNOW HE'S A GIANT, BUT ISN'T HE A BIT TOO BIG? HEY KID, WHY'RE YOU CRYING?
ALRIGHT, KID! YOU BETTER SAY YES TO BOTH THESE QUESTIONS!!
I AIN'T THE TYPE THAT TAKES NO FOR AN ANSWER!!
HARALD SPOTTED THIS PARTICULAR MAN EIGHT YEARS AGO DURING THE REVERIE.
HE SINGLE-HANDEDLY KILLED A NAVY HQ ADMIRAL AND VANISHED WITHOUT A TRACE.
THIS FEAT EARNED HIM A MASSIVE BOUNTY AND THE GOVERNMENT'S IRE.
FIRST OFF, THIS IS ELBAF, LAND OF THE GIANTS, YEAH?!
SECOND, WE'LL FIND HARALD HERE, YEAH?!
ROCKS D. XEBEC
FUTURE CAPTAIN OF THE ROCKS PIRATES (FATHER OF EMPEROR BLACKBEARD)
ONE PIECE

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